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INVENTION: MACHINE MODULAR BLOCK ASSEMBLY FOR TUFTING MACHINE

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Official Action dated December 27, 2002, please amend this application as set forth below.

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 4, 9 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 2, 5 and 8 as follows:

(Amended) A [The] modular gauge assembly [of claim 1 further comprising] for holding a plurality of modular block assemblies with gauge elements being selectively mountable in a plurality of spaced recesses of a tuffing machine gauge bar, the modular block assembly comprising: